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(a) The director shall:

- (1) Establish a statewide asthma coalition composed of individuals and organizations with an interest in asthma;
 - (2) Develop and finalize a comprehensive statewide asthma plan;
- (3) After finalization of the development of the statewide asthma plan, implement a statewide asthma intervention program;
- (4) Develop and organize collaborative relationships with asthma control and stakeholders within other State and local agencies and in the private sector;
 - (5) Develop and implement an asthma surveillance system;
- (6) Upon completion of the asthma surveillance system in paragraph (5) of this subsection, identify mechanisms for the utilization of surveillance data in identifying interventions to control asthma;
- (7) Identify and promote educational programs for providers, parents, guardians, caregivers, and asthma patients that include information on identifying symptoms of asthma, effective treatment for asthma, and methods of preventing asthma; and
- (8) Identify sources of grant funding for the Asthma Control Program.
 - (b) The Program may:
 - (1) Provide funding for local asthma intervention initiatives; and
- (2) Provide training for school personnel, or other appropriate personnel, on asthma education in conjunction with the Department of Education and local health departments.

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